

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

**THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF STATE OF MAHARASHTRA OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

ON COOPERATION

IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Federal Transit Administration of the Department of Transportation of the United States of America and the Government of State of Maharashtra of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants"):

Recognizing that new developments in the field of transportation technology can make important contributions towards promoting, encouraging, and advancing safe, economical, efficient, and environmentally sound public transportation systems: and

Desiring to promote scientific and technological cooperation and collaboration in the field of public transportation have reached agreement as follows:

Article I

The Participants intend to undertake cooperation and collaboration in public transportation science and technology on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Article II

The Participants intend that the cooperation and collaboration may include the following fields:

1. Public transportation
2. Intermodal transportation
3. Transportation Safety
4. Transportation for Persons with Disabilities
5. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
6. Traffic and Transportation Information Centers
7. Capacity building and training in public transportation
8. Other fields of mutual interest

The Participants may identify specific projects for cooperation in public transportation science and technology within the above-mentioned fields. Identification of areas of cooperation and their implementation may be made while paying due attention to the state of art of technology regarding such projects.

Article III

The Participants may pursue cooperation through one of the following methods:

1. Exchange of scientific and technical information on subjects of mutual interest;
2. Exchange of specialists, delegations, and scientific and technical personnel;
3. Joint organization of symposia, seminars, training programs and other meetings;
4. Joint research in science and technology, urban transportation; and
5. Other forums of cooperation as mutually agreed.

Article IV

With regard to the cooperative activities under this Memorandum, the Participants may allow, as appropriate, the participation of other relevant governmental agencies, researchers and organizations from all sectors of the research establishment, including universities, national laboratories, and the private sector.

Article V

In order to coordinate the cooperative activities, each Participant may designate a representative to be responsible for determining the particular directions of cooperation and for ensuring the effectiveness of exchange. The representatives of the Participants or their designated coordinators should, by correspondence, consult with each other and define the cooperative activities and other related matters. When necessary, they may meet to consider matters related to the implementation of this Memorandum.

Article VI

The cooperation is subject to the availability of funds and personnel.

Article VII

Specific cooperative projects and activities may be embodied in separate memoranda or plans between the Participants, which may cover the subject, procedures, and terms of cooperation to be undertaken, the entities involved, funding, and other appropriate matters related to the conditions of such cooperation.

Article VIII

The Participants may consult, as appropriate, in respect of any matter that may arise from, or in connection with, the Memorandum.

Article IX

Scientific and technical information of a non-proprietary nature derived from the cooperative activities conducted under the Memorandum may be made available to the public through customary channels and, in accordance with, the normal procedures of the Participants and other governmental entities involved in the cooperative activities.

Article X

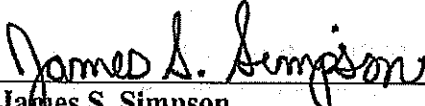
Information transmitted by one Participant to the other under this Memorandum should be accurate to the best knowledge and belief of the transmitting Participant, but the transmitting Participant does not intend to warrant the suitability of such information for any particular use or application by the receiving Participant.

Article XI

The activities under this Memorandum should commence on the date of signature below. Either Participant may end its cooperation under this Memorandum at any time, but should attempt to provide sixty (60) days prior written notification to the other Participant. The Participants should endeavor to complete or continue specific activities then underway, if they so choose.

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